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| 5. Scheme for manpower development of meat industry. | Training courses have already been conducted. |
| 6. Schemes for development of marketing facility for meat & poultry processing. | Deep-freezers have already been purchased and installed at the retail outlets at Guwahati. |
| 7. Assistance for preparation of feasibility report for Pork Processing Plant at Nazira and sheep and goat meat processing plant at Tejpur. | The feasibility report is under preparation. |
| 8. Schemes relating to R&D scheme in Grain Processing Sector. | The Regional Research Lab. of the CSIR, Jorhat is operating a Research & Development Scheme for production of Zeolite based detergent from paddy husk ash. |

**FAO assistance for sick deep sea Fishing Units**

1104. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been sought from FAO to revive the sick deep sea fishing units;

(b) what recommendations have been implemented on the FAO recommendation of 1992 for revival of deep sea fishing units; and

(c) whether any financial assistance has been given for repair of deep sea vessels as recommended by FAO in their report of April, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recommendations made in the FAO report relate to Demonstration Commercial Fishing (DCF) for diversification of a part of the present fishing fleet; easier credit facilities; and incentives in the form of subsidy/grant-in-aid. The World Bank has communicated that deep sea fishing is not one of the priorities of their Agricultural Division pipeline. However, the Government is already giving assistance for diversified fishing under a Plan Scheme. Interest subsidy and diesel subsidy are also being provided to the deep sea fishing sector. However, in order to examine the problems of this sector as a whole, a Technical Committee has been constituted which will examine the issues involved and suggest remedial measures.

(c) No financial assistance is given by the Government for repair of deep sea fishing vessels owned by private fishing companies. Financial assistance for diversified fishing is given by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under a Plan Scheme.

**Test Fishing**

1105. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer given to the Unstarred Question 1744 dated 12-5-93 and state:

(a) whether Government have obtained results of Test Fishing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian vessels will be subsidised to go for Test Fishing; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to encourage Test Fishing by Indian vessels to locate new marine resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Out of three deep sea fishing vessels operated/being operated under Test Fishing Scheme, report on the result of test fishing in respect of one vessel operated by M/s. Sovin Sea Foods Pvt. Ltd.; New Delhi has been received. It is indicated in the report that the result of test fishing operation is encouraging in so far as the size of the vessel is concerned. It has also been mentioned in the report that during the test fishing operations, the company faced marketing problems and problems relating to the performance of the crew.

(c) and (d) No subsidy is given by the Government for Test Fishing. Test Fishing is intended to establish commercial viability of deep sea fishing operations.